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## PORTO RICO.

*Report from San Juan—Vital statistics—Vaccination of crews of vessels from ports infected with smallpox.*

Assistant Surgeon King, chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, reports April 6 as follows:

*Vital statistics, city of San Juan, P. R., for March, 1903.*

Disease.	Number of deaths.	Disease.	Number of deaths.
Whooping cough .....	1	Epilepsy .....	1
Diphtheria .....	2	Mitral disease of heart .....	3
Spinal meningitis .....	2	Aortic insufficiency .....	1
Malarial fever .....	6	Dilatation of heart .....	1
Tetanus .....	1	Pneumonia .....	6
Tetanus, infantile .....	2	Gastro-enteritis .....	13
Tubercle of lungs .....	9	Entero-colitis .....	5
Tuberculosis, general .....	3	Cholera infantum .....	1
Leprosy .....	1	Intestinal obstruction .....	2
Syphilis, congenital .....	2	Diarrhea .....	4
Burned to death .....	1	Peritonitis .....	2
Cancer of neck .....	2	Nephritis .....	1
Rickets .....	7	Post-partum hemorrhage .....	1
Anæmia .....	3	Asphyxia .....	1
Eclampsia, puerperal .....	1	Stillborn .....	6
Old age .....	1		
Hemorrhage of brain .....	2	Total .....	95
Paralysis, bulbar .....	1		

*Births and deaths for the month of March, 1902 and 1903.*

1902.	Number.	1903.	Number.
Births .....	88	Births .....	71
Deaths .....	76	Deaths .....	95

Mortality statistics from the subports for March are as follows: Mayaguez 97, Arecibo 123, Humacao 32, Aguadilla 40, Fajardo 46, Arroyo 14.

During the month two vessels arrived at the subports from Barbados bringing foul bills of health, showing smallpox as existent there. One of these vessels entered at Fajardo and the other at Humacao. As all were well on board upon arrival, telegraphic instructions were given from this office to vaccinate the crews, place the vessels under guard, and permit them to take cargo lying in the open bay. Both of these vessels were schooners, carrying no passengers.

*Report from Ponce—Mortality—Sanitary condition—Vaccination.*

Assistant Surgeon Goldberger transmits the following under date of March 30:

During the week ended March 20, 1903, there were recorded by the local board of health 17 deaths, 29 births, and 243 vaccinations as having been performed. The sanitary situation is much the same as at the date of my last report.